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SUBJECT: Technical Advisory Committee Nominations

Dear Colleague:

The State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (Board) is forming a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to assist in a scientific literature review related to anadromous salmonids and forest management practices in California. This letter is a request for identification and assignment of candidates for this effort. Please submit potential candidates (or self nomination), to the Board by August 1, 2006. The TAC will be assembled by September 1, 2006.

The goal of the literature review is to provide information for the Board's decision-making process on amendments to the California Forest Practice Rules related to protection and restoration of anadromous salmonids (*Protection and Restoration in Watersheds with Threatened or Impaired Values*, Title 14 California Code of Regulations, sections 916.9, 936.9, 956.9). These rules define planning and operational requirements for timber harvesting in watersheds with listed threatened, endangered or candidate populations of anadromous salmonids.

The purpose and function of the TAC will include:

- 1) Refining the literature framework;
- 2) Refining the "Key Questions" to be addressed by literature review;
- 3) Review scope of work;
- 4) Periodic interaction and quality control functions with the entities conducting the literature review;
- 5) Post-literature review synthesis of the scientific findings;
- 6) Assistance in policy/regulatory development.

The TAC is envisioned to be a "Blue Ribbon" team of 7 to 11 persons from government agencies, the general public, forest products industries, and non-government organizations. Government agency members will be assigned from State Water Resource Control Board, Department of Fish and Game, California Geologic Survey, National Marine Fisheries Service, and California Department of Forestry. The committee may bring in other experts for specialized needs. Ideally, members of the TAC must have scientific backgrounds related to forest management and anadromous salmonids, and be familiar with the California Forest Practice Rules.

The TAC will likely be commissioned for a one year period. The TAC will meet on an as-needed basis, with a maximum of two meetings per month. Some months will not require meetings. To help minimize cost and disruption to a TAC member's regular duties, the need for travel and assembly in one location will be minimized. All meetings will be open to public observers.

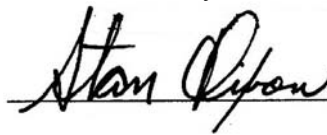
I appreciate your full consideration of this request, as it is essential for retaining an efficient, balanced, and comprehensive regulatory framework for protection of anadromous salmonids. Please feel free to contact our Executive Officer, George Gentry with any questions or responses you may have. More information can be found at:

http://www.bof.fire.ca.gov/board/board_proposed_rule_packages.aspx

See: Threatened or Impaired Watersheds (T/I), 2006 and

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stan Dixon", written over a horizontal line.

Stan L. Dixon
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